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SUBJ: IEG FY 74 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

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- 1. NEGARIT GAZETA OF JUNE 22 PUBLISHED FY 74 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET TOTALING ETH \$30.3 MILLING (US DQMPP TO ETH \$2.05). MILITARY AND POLICE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TOTAL ETH \$19.5 MILLION AND REPRESENT 64.5 PERCENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS INCLUDE: ETH \$5 MILLION SUBSIDY TO ASSAB REFINERY (DOWN FORM ETH \$10 MILLION ESTIMATED REF A); ETH \$3.8 MILLION GOVERNMENT PENSION PAYMENTS; AND ETH \$1.2 MILLION SALARY INCREMENT FOR LOW PAID IEG CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.
- 2. COMMENT: BREAKDOWN SUPPLEMENTAL REVEALS WIDE RANGE IN PERCENTAGE INCREASES AMONG VARIOUS ARMED SERVICES OVER ORIGINAL FY 74 BUDGET LEVEL: E.G., BODY GUARD '19.2 PERCENT); ARMY (18.7 PERCENT); POLICE (15.6 PERCENT); AIR FORCE (5.9 PERCENT); NAVY (3.3 PERCENT). THIS MAY REPRESENT ATTEMPT TO EQUALIZE PAY SCALES AMONG VARIOUS SERVICES. SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN PENSION PAYMENTS COULD REPRESENT RUMORED STEP-UP IN RETIREMENTS NOTED REF C. SUPPLEMENTAL PROVIDES ONLY ETH \$435,000 FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS THEREBY CONFIRMING THAT IEG HAS NOT YET AGREED TO PAY ESTIMATED ETH \$4.7 MILLION IN SALRY INCREASES PROMISED AT END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARCH TEACHER STRIKE (SEE PARA 4 REF B). FIFTY PERCENT

REDUCTION IN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED ETH \$10 MILLION COST OF RE-FINERY SUBSIDIZATION MAY WELL REFLECT UNANTICIPATED DECLINE IN PETROLEUM PRODUCT CONSUMPTION DUE TO BUS, TRUCK, AND TAXI STRIKES AS WELL AS INSTABILITY IN COUNTRYSIDE. WYMAN

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